

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled, while claims 11 and 16 have been amended such that they are each coextensive as claim 1. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

Applicants believe that the above changes answer the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2, and 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of claims 17 and 18, and respectfully request withdrawal thereof.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0045961 to Gibbs et al. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-10.

In view of the above changes to claims 11, 16 and 17, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection has been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1-16, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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